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SENATE RESOLUTION 47
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A RESOLUTION to create a special committee to study the issue
of domestic violence.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages,
income levels and sexes; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity,
security, and humanity by the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and
economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, thousands of incidents of domestic violence occur in Tennessee every year;
and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are at much higher risk of becoming
physically abused; and children who witness battering have a significantly greater risk of being a
batterer than children who do not witness battering; and

WHEREAS, three out of every ten women who report to hospital emergency rooms
show evidence of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Tennessee General Assembly find ways to lessen
domestic violence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That a special committee consisting of five (5)

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members of the Senate be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate to conduct a study of the problem of domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting, shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special committee who are duly elected members of the One-Hundredth General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the special committee, upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than March 5, 1998, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.